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Shaw Plans to Plead Innocent in JFK 'Plot'

NEW ORLEANS, April 5 (UPI)—Clay L. Shaw planned to plead innocent today to District Attorney Jim Garrison's charge he conspired with Lee Harvey Oswald and others to assassinate President Kennedy.

Shaw was due before criminal District Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. for formal arraignment.

At the same time as the arraignment proceedings, the New Orleans grand jury that indicted Shaw was to be in session, reportedly to discuss a munitions burglary conspiracy charge against Gordon Novel, another figure in Garrison's probe of the assassination.

Novel, arrested as a material witness in the probe, was released yesterday in Columbus, Ohih, on $10,000 bond. He said he would "blow the case wide open," claiming Garrison's investigation was a politically motivated fraud.

Shaw, former managing director of the International Trade Mart in New Orleans, has said he wanted a quick trial: "God willing, I'm looking forward to the trial . . . I expect to win."

Garrison's office has indicated the trial is some months off.